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**Technical Feasibility Study for the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS)**

The USGS Topographic Division on 13 September 1973 requested the Cartography Division of OBCI to perform a feasibility study for automatically plotting the grids, grid ticks, and neatlines of the U. S. Topographic Map Series. The purpose of the exercise is threefold:

- (1) To ascertain the feasibility of converting this operation from manual to automated means.
- (2) To establish the cost savings that would justify USGS acquisition of one or more precision plotters.
- (3) To establish a cost basis for potential CIA plotting of this series on a reimbursable basis until USGS acquires its own capability.

Resources involved: 1 hour planning, 1 hour plotting, plus materials and computer services. The estimated cost is \$46.00.

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